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Red Cross providing food, water to people remaining in their homes

Shelters will remain open for displaced residents

INDIANAPOLIS – The Red Cross has provided food, shelter and other support to Hoosiers as a result of Monday's earthquake. Aid will continue until it is no longer needed.

Food and water will continue to be provided for people who are staying in their homes. This may include shelf-stable meals, grills and charcoal in areas where natural gas and/or power has been shut off.

The Red Cross will keep shelters open as long as necessary for individuals and families staying there. The length of time people will need to stay in shelters will depend on several factors. For example, if someone's home is intact but power is out, they may not be able to return to their home until power is restored.

In cases where homes can no longer be lived in, residents will need to work with their insurance company, FEMA or other assistance agencies to plan for transition from shelters to transitional or permanent housing. If communities or dwellings are declared unsafe, residents should work with local officials to obtain assistance and guidance for ensuring their safety.

For more information about staying safe during an earthquake, visit www.GetPrepared.in.gov. Follow Indiana on "my social media" at www.nlevnn.com/MSM/StateOfIndianaPublicSafety to stay informed about this developing situation.

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